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SUBJECT: PARTIAL SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN: WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 5-11

BEGIN SUUMMARY: CAMPAIGNING FOR THE PARTIAL SENATE ELECTIONS  
(TO BE HELD OCTOBER 12) WAS MARKED DURING THE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 5-11 BY AN EXCHANGE OF INSULTS AND CHARGES  
BETWEEN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT  
AND PRIMIN DEMIREL INITIATED BY ECEVIT'S ACCUSATION  
THAT DEMIREL'S NEPHEW HAD RECEIVED TL 20 MILLION IN TAX  
REBATES FORNON-EXISTENT FURNITURE EXPORTS. AS TO FOREIGN  
POLICY ISSUES, IN AN INTERVIEW IN HURRIYET, ECEVIT CRITIZED  
DEMIREL GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF GREEK-TURKISH AND THIRD  
WORLD MATTERS, AND HE ATTACKED ITS POPPY POLICY WHILE  
CAMPAIGNING IN AFYON. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE PARTIAL SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE TWO MAJOR  
PARTIES DEVOTED THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5-12 PRIMARILY TO  
THE EXCHANGE OF PERSONAL INSULTS. RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT  
CAMPAIGNING IN BINGOL ON SEPTEMBER 5, STRUCK THE FIRST BLOW  
WITH A CHARGE THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT ONLY TL 15  
MILLION (TL 14.75 EQUALS US \$1.00) FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY  
CONSTRUCTION IN BINGOL PROVINCE, WHILE THE PRIMIN'S NEPHEW  
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(YAHYA DEMIREL) HAD RECEIVED TL 20 MILLION IN TAX REBATES

FOR "NONEXISTENT FURNITURE EXPORTS." DEMIREL (WHO SUFFERED SERIOUS PLITICAL DAMAGE WHEN THE REVELATION OF HIS BROTHER'S FINANCIAL GAINS DURING HIS LAST ADMINISTRATION CONTRIBUTED TO A SPLIT IN THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) AND THE FORMATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) IN 1970, WAS OBVIOUSLY STUNG BY THE CHARGE OF CORRUPTION AND DEMANDED THAT ECEVIT PROVE HIS CHARGES OR "IF HE DOES NOT, I WILL DENOUNCE HIM AS A LIAR AND SLANDERER DEVOID OF POLITICAL MORALITY." ECEVIT AND THE RPP, OBVIOUSLY DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF KEEPING A "CORRUPTION" ISSUE BEFORE THE PUBLIC, RESPONDED WITH FURTHER FACTS AND CHARGES WHICH WERE IN TURN REBUTTED BY THE JP. THESE INCREASINGLY PERSONALISTIC ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER (EXAMPLES: ECEVIT --"ONLY DEMIREL

LOGIC AND DEMIREL MORALITY ... COULD ACCUSE US FOR HIS RELATIVES' ROBBERY OF THE STATE." DEMIREL -- "THE RPP CHAIRMAN CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF FROM BEING THE HANGMAN OF HONOR AND DIGNITY.") INDICATE THAT THE TWO WILL PROBABLY LATCH ONTO ANY ISSUE AVAILABLE TO CRITICIZE EACH OTHER IN THE REMAINING 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

2. ECEVIT ALSO ATTACHED DEMIREL AS A PERSON WHO WOULD "RISK COOPERATING WITH THE DEVIL (I.E. NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) CHAIRMAN TURKES) IN ORDER TO BE PRIME AGAIN." "DEMIREL," HE SAID, WAS "COOPERATING WITH FASCISTS, LUNATICS AND MURDERERS." DEMIREL ANSWERED THE CHARGE SEPTEMBER 10, SAYING THAT "BANKROBBERS, KIDNAPPERS AND SABOTEURS ... COMMITTED THESE CRIMES WITH THE PROTECTION AND INCITEMENT OF THE RPP. ONE HAS TO BE IDIOTIC TO CALL MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT URBAN BANDITS."

3. FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES DID NOT COME UP DURING THE WEEK IN CAMPAIGN RHETORIC. HOWEVER, IN HURRIYET NEWSPAPER'S SERIES OF INTERVIEWS WITH PARTY LEADERS, ECEVIT ATTACHED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH GREECE OVER AEGEAN ISSUES (I.E., ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE) AND PLACED THE BLAME ON DEMIREL FOR THE FAILURE TO WIN NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR TURKEY'S CYPRUS POLICY.

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#### 4. OTHER CAMPAIGN NOTES:

A. ECEVIT, IN SEPTEMBER 11 SPEECH IN AFYON, ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF HAVING LEFT MEASURES FOR POPPY CULTIVATION HALF FINISHED AND CRITICIZED THE FACT THAT PLANNING HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN COMPLETED FOR AN ALKALOID FACTORY. (ANKARA 7025 DISCUSSES LICENSING PROBLEM)

B. DP DEPUTY FROM KONYA (A DP STRONGHOLD) KALAYCIOGLU RESIGNED FROM THE PARTY, DROPPING THE NUMBER OF DP DEPUTIES TO 25. KALAYCIOGLU CITED CHAIRMAN BOZBEYLIS "INCOHERENT POLICIES" AS THE REASON FOR HIS DEPARTURE.

C. NAP SEC GEN ALBAYRAK ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 9 THAT THE NAP WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ENGAGE IN ELECTORAL COOPERATION WITH OTHER PARTIES SINCE THE OTHERS HAD "RENEGED" ON COOPERATION PROMISES.

D. PARTY CANDIDATE LISTS, PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 7 OFFICIAL GAZETTE, SHOW THAT THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), WHICH SINCE ITS INCEPTION HAS FEARED BEING CLOSED DOWN DUE TO MILITARY CONCERN WITH NSP OPPOSITION TO ATATURKIST REFORMS AND ITS USE OF RELIGION FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, WILL FIELD EIGHT RETIRED OFFICERS (FOUR GENERALS, FOUR COLONELS) AS SENATORIAL CANDIDATES. THE TOP TWO SPOTS ON THE NSP LIST IN ANKARA WENT TO GENERALS AS DID THE NUMBER ONE POSITION IN BURSA. SIMILARLY, THE NAP, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS RETIRED COL. TURKES, IS RUNNING (ALBEIT WITH LITTLE OR NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS) 12 RETIRED OFFICERS IN 11 PROVINCES. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE CANDIDATES WHEN FINAL LISTS BECOME AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK.

E. IN PAST WEEK ECEVIT TOURED IN THE EAST AND IN THE AEGEAN AND NSP CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN VISITED THE BLACK SEA PROVINCES AND NORTHWESTERN TURKEY. DEMIREL WILL INAUGURATE HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR, IN WHICH HE WILL VISIT EVERY PROVINCE WHERE ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD, NEXT WEEK. DURING THE COMING WEEK, ECEVIT WILL CAMPAIGN IN THE BLACK SEA AREA.  
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